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## WHEW! HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

### Assembly Speakers

By Tom Howell

On October 21, Lieutenant Smith of the United States Coast Guard spoke to the students about the Coast Guard Academy and the Coast Guard in general.

Lieutenant Smith, a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, first told us about its system for admission, benefits for students, and program in general. The admission of students is on a purely competitive basis without the political ties which are prevalent in the other service academies. Students are selected for academic excellence, and the main criterion for this is the score on the December seventh college board exam. Applicants who do well on this test are ready for further screening. The further screening is however very rigorous. Out of the five thousand people who take the exam, one thousand of the top students are selected for the physical exam. Seven hundred and fifty of the most fit are left after this hurdle. Then the seven hundred and fifty are cut to four hundred after thorough interviews by officials of the academy. Out of these four hundred, two hundred and fifty are actually accepted into the school. Thus we see that the Coast Guard Academy is highly selective in its selection of students in that it selects about five percent of its applicants.

The Coast Guard Academy has many spectacular benefits for its students. In the summer before the Freshman year at the academy, each pledge takes a cruise on a Coast Guard Cutter to Bermuda. Before the sophomore year, each student takes a cruise on a sailing ship to the main ports of Europe. Upon graduation each student receives a B. S. in engineering and the rank of Ensign in the Coast Guard and a compulsory four year commission in the Coast Guard. Lieutenant Smith then urged the seniors to "get into the race" at the academy although one may now not be interested in the Coast Guard Academy and a military career. He left books in the office about the academy. He told the seniors to consider deeply a military career.

LT. Smith then told us some of the features of the Coast Guard itself. The Coast Guard is not a member of the defense department but of the treasury department. Its main duties are in peace time. It has the responsibility of maritime safety and participated in the rescue of the Andre Doria and the Stockholm. Another main duty of the Coast Guard is the enforcement of all maritime laws on the waterways and coasts of America. In case of war the Coast Guard goes under the authority of the Navy.

Thus we see that LT. Smith's speech was informative, interesting, and indeed a great benefit to the boys pondering their choice of colleges.

### Spaghetti Supper

By David Buttrely

The M.B.A. Ladies' Auxiliary has sponsored the spaghetti supper again this year. Our devoted mothers deserve deep appreciation for their diligent efforts toward making the supper a success. This year over 1600 people were served. The student body, inspired to work by the gift of a holiday, is not to be discounted in aiding the success of the event, as a great number of tickets were sold. The eighth grade attained the award in the junior school, and the seniors won the high school award.



### Thompson Named All City

De Thompson, captain of the 1963 Big Red, has been named to the All-City team by both Nashville newspapers. De, a 175 pound senior, has played four years of varsity ball here on the Hill. Starting at fullback for the past two seasons, De has been a consistent ground gainer. His forte, however, has been defense. De is undoubtedly one of the hardest hitting linebackers in the city.

Phil Husband, Big Red co-captain, was elected to the second string All-City team. A fine pass receiver and a tough defensive tackle, Phil has made quite a name for himself on the football field.

The Bell Ringer wishes to extend its congratulations to these boys for a game well played.

De Thompson, M.B.A.'s All-City fullback, signed a football grant with Vanderbilt University on Saturday, December 7. Congratulations, De!

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A Candle in  
Your Window,  
A Carol at  
Your Door.  
Support the  
Fannie Battle  
Day Home

### Big Red Blasts Bama

On the night of February 32nd, an inspired Big Red football team took the field, sputtered, made many mistakes, and finally downed fourth ranked Alabama 76-0 in the 39th annual Rose Bowl. The inside story on this victory was a secret weapon which M.B.A. had been holding out all season. This weapon was none other than—"The Phantom". The Phantom, wearing a different number in each quarter so as not to be conspicuous, scored or had a hand in the bulk of the Maroon's points. ALL 76! The Phantom, playing in his first game, scored M.B.A.'s first and last touchdowns and all other in between. He ran for TD's of 80, 76, 49, 85, and 63 yards. He returned the only kick-off by Alabama 100 yards for the score, while running over every man on the field at least twice. He returned 4 punts for a total of 320 yards and one touchdown. Meanwhile the Phantom passed to teammates Ed Anderson and Phil Husband for three TD strikes, including scoring aerials of 46, 58, and 94 yards. Sandwiched in between his scoring jaunts, the phantom kicked field goals of 41 and 78 yards, and booted 10 extra points, all while blind-folded with both hands tied behind his back. The Phantom, playing all positions in the backfield, rolled up 384 yards rushing in 6 carries and 496 yards passing, completing 12 of 13 passes for the night. The Phantom was equally as impressive playing defense. Playing all positions, The Phantom made 42 unassisted tackles while Bama only ran 42 running plays. Meanwhile, he intercepted 6 out of 5 Bama passes because one of them was overthrown.

After the game, The Phantom won the national punt, pass and kick contest sponsored by Texaco Gas. When Coach Tommy Owen was asked what he thought of Phantom's performance he said: I didn't even know he was on the team, much less in the game. Coach Owen quickly added: Let's not give all the credit to the Phantom, I taught him everything he knows.

### Dramatics Club to Present Our Town!

(See Next Issue)

## Merry Christmas



Students and faculty (see if you can find him) whoop it up as Big Red rolls.

We have all heard the old expression, "Let's Put Christ back into Christmas." It would seem, however, that trying to "put Christ into Christmas" today would be a futile task. We all become so involved with parties, buying gifts for the family, catching up in our school work, and countless other tasks that we just do not have time to put anything into Christmas, much less Christ. Perhaps here is where the problem lies—perhaps we have not had time to put ourselves into Christmas. If we would only give of ourselves as much as we give of our money, we would indeed put Christ back into Christmas.

### Letters of Commendation Winners

By Chip Baker

Recently seven members of our Senior class received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. These boys are the ones who missed becoming semi-finalists by a few points. We would like to congratulate Russell B. Davis, William C. Fanning, William M. Hall, Webb F. Harwell, William D. Harwell, Allen D. Lentz, and Michael W. Mooney on their fine showing.

### Election of Officers

By John Hutton

The election of officers for this year finds De Thompson president of the student council and Fred Billings president of the honor council. In Totomol De Thompson is president, and Jim Ezzell is vice-president.

This year's Hi-Y Club officers include Fred Billings, president, Jim Ezzell, vice-president, De Thompson, secretary, and John Stifter, chaplain.

Under the auspices of Mrs. Campbell, the officers of the Forensic Club are president, Mike Mooney, vice-president, John Stifter, secretary-treasurer, Cliff Sobel, and program chairman, Jim Stamford.

The Service Club is guided by president, Allen Lentz, vice-president, Jim Ezzell, secretary, De Thompson, and treasurer, Fred Billings.

The Bell Ringer would like to congratulate these boys for their new jobs and wish them good luck in performing their duties.

In  
Memoriam  
Warren  
Taylor



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## 7th Grade News

These people were elected as officers of Mrs. Bowen's room on October 1st.

Barrett Sutton—President  
Gordon Peerman—Vice President

Barry Barker—Secretary & Treasurer

Tom Hudson—Librarian

Dan Butler—Assistant Librarian

These people were elected as officers of Mr. Novak's room on October 3rd.

George Copple—President

Bert Dale—Vice President

Lee Beaman—Secretary—Treasurer

Howard Carmichael—Librarian

Tom Barton—Assistant Librarian

These people were elected as officers of Mr. Alexander's room on October 1st.

Bill Hubbard—President

Mike Bramham—Vice President

Whit Clark—Secretary

Lewis Graham—Treasurer

OWDR EMBLUI; 1. LYRAO; 2. DDLME; 3. ALLY; 4. BILAYRI; 5. VROUNE; 6. EGMNIT; 7. RM. KVANO and 8. CIMDELA (answers at bottom of column).

Now for the news! If anyone has made a million dollars in the last six weeks, please notify Mr. Novak. His class needs an air-conditioner so badly that he is asking anyone who has made a million dollars to buy him one.

Now for the more serious news. Georgia is now fighting for Tennessee land, and I do believe that they are in court debating the question which is very unnecessary.

Demerits have been moving like wildfire through 7A, 7B and 7N. We fellows are really learning how to talk, but it isn't exactly perfected yet because very few have escaped the demerit list.

Just think of: Barrett Sutton at Saturday classes; David Thomas out for track; Tyler Apfel getting "S" for talking; Pope Wilson with David Ellis's chin and Earl Johannaber getting demerits for a messy desk.

(Answers: 1. Royal; 2. Middle; 3. Wall; 4. Library; 5. Nervous; 6. Meeting; 7. Mr. Novak and 8. Decimal)

Your Reporters,  
Tom Barton  
Denson Buttry

Ross Perry and Tom Sharp

This is International  
Micky Bod Week

## Freshman Class News

Congratulations to Buzz Beauchamp, Weaver Barikdale, and Arthur Reed, who went with the tennis team to Chattanooga. Arch Bishop holds services every day and urges everyone to attend.

Bowen announced to all his eager fans that he is going out for Freshman basketball. Extra special news flash: Football star Tom Holman dressed out for his first game against Litton. Of course, he didn't get to play, but you can't have everything. The second year Latin scholars are having a great time with Mrs. Sims, especially since she took psychology in college.

Tommy Gibson is now official "down of the week" says Mr. Kirkpatrick. David Banks had been doing a fine job of it, but he had to take second place behind such excellent clowning.

During the last month, the freshman class has been in the process of class elections. The results are as follows:

President: Frank Gorrell

Vice-President: Jay Bowen

Secretary: Alvin Cox

Treasurer: John Bracewell

and the Two Honor Council members are Robbie Quinn and Buddy Sanders.

Here are a few comments on the election.

Gorrell: "We will move forward with great vigor!"

Mr. Welsh: "How did those bums worm in?"

Tepper: "Quinn cheats."

Rose: "He's a cheat!"

Shwab: "Me for Secretary!"

Glasman: "What bums you are!"

The class elections were held very democratically, and for a very long time. The elections lasted approximately two and one half weeks. The time was very convenient for 2½ weeks the freshman class met cheerfully in the study hall at 7:45.

The first decision made by the frosh was to have a hay ride which was scheduled for November 1st. The second decision was that everybody must come stag. Ha! Ha!

Every other class has bragged about the number of varsity football players from their class, here is our contribution to the varsity team—4.

Mr. Welsh has made a great change since the first six weeks. He has decided not to make people come to his room seventh period if one stinks a test or gets demerits. A wise decision by Mr. Welsh, because the floors are about to crash from the overflow crowds.

On the other hand, there are many freshmen who are privileged; they are as follows: Tony Fort, Jerry Greer, Bennie Meeks, Frank Gorrell, Arthur Reed, Frank Novak, Dick Stelzer, Ramsey Woods, Buddy Sanders, Kim Sellick, George Wade, Tommy Shanks, and Bill Terry.

Until next month your roving reporters: Moats, Gorrell, Holman, and Quinn.

J. J. Class News (Cont'd.)

Council representatives; Ed Anderson, Pat Patrick, and Rick Evans. We also congratulate the newly elected juniors of the Service Club: Bill Genty, Pat Woods, Tom Weaver, Windy Dixon, and John Shapiro.

Letters to Aunt Corny and Uncle Irving:

Dear Corny and Irv,

I'm such a good guy, nobody will associate with me as I am superior in all fields. I realize that my sparkling personality and glowing physique surpass all others. How can I make others realize my humility?

J. J.

Dear J. J.,

The meek shall inherit the earth. That leaves you without a cent.

Funs of the month by Frankie:

1. I'll start a bakery if I can raise enough dough.

2. Mary: Dear, I can't marry you, you're penniless.

Mac: That's okay, the czar of Russia was Nicholas.

3. You can't judge a pun by its signs.

Wogenks

## Sophomore Class News

This column's editors, in their roaming car, Supercar, found that Halloween was not a complete bore. We shall now translate this night's fun and frolic.

While flying our Supercar on Halloween, we stopped at Rebel Stadium in Franklin to see the M.B.A. varsity throw pumpkins at the Franklin football team.

After witnessing this exciting match, we buzzed Mr. Carter's torn down abode, but we could not land, for many boys were flying around on broomsticks. When we finally landed the vehicle in someone's tree, we decided to stay around and watch this fine show of equestrianism. Having discussed the potent cider with my colleagues, I emptied three gallons into the Supercar. Everyone, although a little cold from their windy rides through the night, agreed they had a blast at Mr. Carter's house, and all were glad they didn't have to pay for damages.

After we had gotten Supercar untangled from the branches of the tree, we made our way over to the vicarage of the 600 block of Lynwood Blvd. Here, many boys were doing crazy things. They were wasting toilet paper by throwing it into the trees. Wanting to find out who the villains were, we followed them the rest of the night in our Supercar. The three carloads of boys went from that house on Lynwood to the 7-11 on Hillsboro Road. From this well-known landmark, the explorers went to the house on the corner of Trimble Road and Bunny Brook. Here, they beautified the yard by throwing toilet paper in the trees. (We all agreed that these boys needed practice.) From here they went to a house on Estes Road. Then they returned to the second house and finished the yard.

As you see, Supercar and the editors of this column had a news-filled night. With eggs splattered on the windshield and toilet paper stuck on the windshield wipers, we rested Supercar for the night.

The Sophomore Class officers have recently been elected: Mike Howard, President; Joe Strayhorn, Vice-President; Tony Thomason, Secretary; David Hyatt, Treasurer; Woodie Husband and Jim Burge, House Council Representatives.

See you next Halloween in our Supercar.

Tommy DeMoss

Howell Warner

## On the Scene With the Spoon

(The spoon speaks and all listen)

On the 29th of October, the wrath of Zeus was driven down upon the campus of Montgomery Bell Academy in the form of flood, famine, pestilence, and six other diabolical curses of the heavens. The entire campus was swept away by a giant tidal wave, which mysteriously appeared from the unknown depths of the sacred region of "Plunox", seldom referred to because of the severe consequences of tampering with this sacred region.

A giant thunderbolt struck Wallace Hall and utter chaos immediately resulted. Amid shouts of confusion and the rumble of trampling feet could be heard cries of sheer terror and pleas for mercy.

Well, it wasn't quite this bad, but the confusion did reach a high pitch on Oct. 29. We all know that this was the day when the smiling students of M.B.A. had pictures taken of their ugly faces. It is rumored that there were 568 people in the "Big Red Club" picture. This isn't too bad considering that there are only 75 members and only 400 people enrolled in the entire school.

On the serious side, we must all admit that the proceedings of picture day went very smoothly. Many thanks to the students for helping to make it an orderly process. Mr. Carter should also receive credit for his organization and fearlessness throughout the entire process.

Signed,  
The Great Spoon

## The Senior Slash

The officers for the senior class this year are

De Thompson—president

Bill Browder—vice-president

Phil Husband—secretary

Roy Klam—treasurer

Congratulations to these boys.

Congratulations also to Jimmy Baldwin, Rusty Davis, Paul Sexton, Bill Bramham, Mike Brandon, and Allen Lentz who have been accepted on early decision at Vanderbilt.

Seniors from AAAA finger football league, better known as the Big Six. K. Todd and Big Dave are currently tied for the lead.

Steve Star, Smilin' Mike, and company contribute stop sign in order to improve traffic conditions in Stiffer's driveway.

Quotes of the month:

Mrs. Lowry: "Let's go Billings, get organized!"

Dr. Sager: "Billings, look at Morehead—at least he tries to answer."

Thompson: "What do ya'll wanna leave for the school as a class gift?"

Bedford: "A flag pole."

King: "Anything but a whirlpool."

Billings: "Let's not leave anything; let's buy beer mugs."

Bradson: "Someone mention be... ah, mugs?"

Mr. Carter: "Todd, stop running down those seventh graders in your Chrysler."

Lowenthal: "Todd, you're not supposed to be in this picture."

Todd: "Shut up; I'm the editor!"

Sekton: "Hello, Sandra? Therea?"

Lint: "Well then who is this?"

Lt. Mosier: "Where is this Todd boy?"

Fanning: "Mr. Glick's leaving me \$4 million."

Mrs. Sims: "Well freshmen, your new vice-president is..."

Dr. Sager: "Who missed this one besides Morehead... and Billings..."

Buttry: "I write my best themes after a good long evening at Farrell's."

Todd: "Sorry, Gene. I've got a date with Peggy that night."

Baldwin: "I think we should turn the Honor Room into a finger football stadium."

Billings: "Ya'll gotta stop this; we ain't gonna have no more of it."

Seniors win Spaghetti Supper Holiday by fabulous, all-out selling effort.

Seniors celebrate holiday at friend's home. Chief Mosier investigates impromptu folk-song festival held in middle of street. Chief Mosier fails to find folk song festival.

Seniors request extra day off to focus eyes.

A good time was had by all those seniors who attended Mr. Carter's Halloween Party. Ole Les Bedford, a die-hard sweet milk man, yielded to his id and had a little apple cider, saying, "Well, maybe just one for the road." A few of the more brash fellows brought their girl-friends, but girl-haters Herbert, Husband, and Browder drowned on the practice.

Todd, Buttry, and Hall attempted—and partially succeeded—in starting new fashion trend: ties. In an attempt to further enlighten this intellectually dark world, we conducted a current events survey recently, asking for comments on the situation in Saigon. Some of our answers were:

Forhand: "No Nhus is good Nhus."

Beauchamp: "What's Nhu in Saigon? Well, you know what they say: 'Carpe Diem.' Diem, you know... Diem... get it?"

Lowenthal: "If they had only set up some kibbutzim."

Buttry: "Well, one of my agents is over there now, and he's got everything just about under control."

Bedford: "Let's give 'em a flagpole."

Pulliam: "Well, I think my boys did a pretty good job."

If anyone would like to join the MBA chess club, he is asked to contact Richard Worden.

Hawthorne, Milton, and Dostoevsky



# BIG RED ENDS FOOTBALL

## M.B.A. Finishes Eighth In State

### Varsity Football

### MBA Cops Metro Bowl

### J.V. Football

#### M.B.A. vs. West

On October 18 the Big Red journeyed to nearby West High School to pluck the Blue Jays, 39-6.

M.B.A. took the opening kickoff, and, after a few series of downs by each team, the Maroons sprung Tom Weaver loose for the first touchdown of the game, an 81-yard run. Lee Noel carried the ball on a successful conversion attempt.

After only two minutes of second quarter play, the Big Red scored again, with Hunter Husband carrying the ball across the goal line. A powerful run by Tom Weaver for the extra point put M.B.A. ahead by 14 points. Minutes later Husband scored again, but the extra point was no good. At halftime the score was in favor of M.B.A., 20 to 0.

The only highlight of an otherwise uneventful third quarter was another M.B.A. touchdown scored by Pat Woods. The conversion attempt failed.

Soon afterwards Jimmy Ezell scored M.B.A.'s fifth touchdown. Again the try for the extra point was unsuccessful. About a minute later, West, placed in scoring position by a Maroon error, scored its only touchdown of the game with Bell carrying. Their kick for the extra point was wide. In the closing seconds of the game, M.B.A.'s Sam Herbert scored, and the conversion was good, to climax a hard-fought game by the Big Red, 39-6.

#### M.B.A. vs. Litton

At 8:00 P.M. on October 25 at Andrews Field, the Litton Lions kicked off to the Big Red of M.B.A. to open the 8th game of the '63 season. After three unsuccessful attempts to crack the Litton line, the Big Red dropped into punt formation. The pass from center was fumbled and Ed Anderson picked up the ball to carry it over sixty yards for the touchdown. The run for the extra point was no good, and after less than 3 minutes of play, M.B.A. had its first tally. Before the first period had ended, the Red team had added another score on a long pass from Noel to Anderson. The run by Noel was good for the extra point. Although M.B.A. remained scoreless in the second period, the head-hunting defense, sparked by Hunter and Woodie Husband and De Thompson, held the Lions scoreless also. At the half the score was 13-0. The third quarter remained scoreless for both teams, but early in the 4th quarter, Phil Husband took a pass into the end zone, only to be called on a penalty. A few plays later, De Thompson took it for the third score. The kick by Husband was good. Litton's only score came on a fumble which was picked up in the M.B.A. backfield for a 60 yard touchdown. The extra point kick was no good. When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read M.B.A. 20-Litton 6.

BACK  
M. B. A.  
BASKETBALL

Right: Husband (H.) looks for another one to run over.

#### M.B.A. vs. Franklin

On the windswept Halloween night, the Big Red traveled to Rebel Stadium in Franklin to face outmanned Franklin. When neither team scored in the first quarter, Tom Weaver came off the bench to join with Hunter Husband in scoring two touchdowns apiece as M.B.A. thrashed stubborn Franklin 32-7. Weaver broke the 7-7 deadlock just seconds before the half when he hauled in a 33-yard touchdown heave from quarterback Lee Noel. Scoring the first touchdown for the Big Red was Hunter Husband with a 42-yard pass-run from quarterback Noel. One of the extra points failed. Franklin scored only once; that being set up when a Noel pass was deflected and intercepted. A few plays later, the scrappy Rebels scored.

The second half was all M.B.A. Hunter Husband started things off with a 15-yard lateral-run for six more points. Then Weaver bulled his way over from the four yard-line to give the Big Red a substantial 25-7 lead. But this wasn't all the Maroons had in store for the Rebels. With 20 seconds left in the game, quarterback Jim Ezell threw a 41-yard pass to Woodie Husband to end the Thursday night tussle 32-7. Although much of the Big Red's yardage was in the air, Jim Loventhal alone gained 73 yards on the ground.

#### M.B.A. vs. Burros

For the second straight year the Big Red demoralized Hillsboro with the long scoring "bombs" and then unloaded in the final period for a crushing victory. November ninth's encounter yielded a hard-fought 33-7 win for the Big Red.

Junior Quarterback Lee Noel fired his second touchdown pass of the game early in the fourth period, a 59 yard bulls-eye to Ed Anderson, and broke up the bruising battle. Anderson's touchdown romp put the tilt out of Hillsboro's reach (20-7) and the Burros' defenses withered. In the last 2:12 of the game, Hunter Husband stormed 61 yards for a touchdown and Pat Woods returned a Burro pass 35 yards for another score in (Continued next col.)



Coach O. admires trophy as De and Phil look on.

the Big Red's eighth win of the season.

M.B.A. used the long scoring plays to hand Hillsboro the defeat, but it was a one-yard plunge by Noel which put the Big Red ahead to stay 14-7 with 8:12 left in the third period. The play was set up when a short punt by Hillsboro was taken by Jimmy Ezell and returned 47 yards to the Burro seven. Three plays later Noel scored.

Noel was a sparkler for the Big Red, bound for the Metro Bowl. He not only scored a touchdown, but threw a 33 yarder to end Phil Husband for a first period tally and then fired the clincher to Anderson in the fourth quarter. Hunter's run for 61 yards and a touchdown was a beauty as he brushed aside several Hillsboro tacklers to travel the distance. He had also set up Noel's third period tally with an end sweep for 5 yards. He got 78 yards rushing to pace M.B.A. to a 7-2-1 regular season. The loss gave the mighty Butter Bowl bound Burros a 7-3 mark.

The football team wishes to express its gratitude to the student body for its support this season

#### Metro Bowl

The M.B.A. Big Red inaugurated the first Metro Bowl with a bruising 25-14 victory over Chattanooga Red Bank. The Maroon offense exploded for what was probably its best effort of the year. M.B.A.'s total offense netted 254 yards. Tom Weaver and Hunter Husband carried the load with 90 yards and 78 yards respectively. On the first series of plays, Hunter broke loose for a 37 yard touchdown jaunt. The extra point failed, however, and M.B.A. maintained only a slight 6-0 lead. Red Bank struck back with a 68 yard march which was culminated by a 33 yard pass play, putting them ahead 7-6. M.B.A. scored again in the second quarter on a 12 yard dash by Weaver and went in at half time with a 13-7 lead. In the second half, however, Red Bank again pulled ahead 14-13, and it wasn't until Lee Noel sneaked over a few minutes later that M.B.A. was ahead to stay. The Maroons' final score came with 10 seconds left when Woodie Husband lunged over from the one. Winning honors for the Most Outstanding Lineman and the Most Outstanding Back were Woodie and Hunter Husband.



#### Father Ryan

On October 17 the M.B.A. Junior Varsity hosted a rugged Father Ryan team which had previously defeated Madison 38-0. The Big Red fought gallantly, but lost a heartbreaker in the waning moments, 6-0. Ryan's touchdown followed a blocked punt which Ryan recovered on the M.B.A. 1-yard line. After two fumble cracks at the line, Ryan managed to crash over for the T.D. Once again much praise must be given to the Big Red defense, which repeatedly threw Ryan for heavy losses. As soon as the J.V.'s offense begins to click, the team will roll.

#### Glenciff

On October 24, the M.B.A. Junior Varsity travelled to Glenciff, where it lost a highly-disputed game 27-18. This was one of the Big Red's best-played games, and had it not been for a close clipping penalty, the J.V.'s would probably have won.

Glenciff drew first blood on a 21-yard scoring toss, but John Waggoner closed the gap to one point on an electrifying 75-yard run on the ensuing kickoff. After Glenciff was forced to punt, Owsley Manier drilled left end for forty yards and a touchdown, but the play was called back on a highly-disputed clipping penalty which stalled the M.B.A. drive. Eight seconds before the half, however, Jim Burge threw a 43-yard pass to Waggoner for a touchdown.

In the second half, Glenciff regained the lead on a 10-yard run. The speedy Waggoner put the Big Red back in the lead again, however, with an 80-yard punt return. This was to no avail, as Glenciff scored twice more in the last moments of the game.

A standout defensively for the Big Red was George Hastings, who harassed the Colt half-backs the whole game.

#### Microbe Football

On Thursday, October 31, the microbes from M.B.A. played and beat Ensworth's Tigers in a game that featured some fine running and a good defense.

Carl Cooper scored the first tally on a sneaky "statue of liberty" play. Bill Husband added the extra point to make it 7-0 M.B.A.

Ensworth scored when Ed Stanford ran around left end and the score became 7-6. But M.B.A. led the game later when Charlie Nelson ran back a punt for a touchdown and then added the extra point. The final score stood 14-6.

On October 26, the seventh grade microbes defeated Cavert 22-6. In the first quarter, Barry Banker ran around left end for the first touchdown of the game.

In the second quarter, quarterback Bert Dale passed to Gordon Peerman, making the score 13-0. The extra point was added by Banker.

Late in the second quarter, when Cavert had used up their four downs, they decided to punt. The snap was too high and Dick Smead, a tackle for M.B.A., rushed in and pulled down the Cavert quarterback, scoring a safety for M.B.A. At the half the score was 16-0. There was no scoring in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, however, Tommy Crain caught a pass and ran to the one-yard line. With just a few plays left in the game, Bill Husband bulled over for the final touchdown.



# RED OPENS HOOP SEASON

## Varsity

### M.B.A. vs. Cohn

For M.B.A.'s first game of the 1963-'64 basketball season, the Big Red, under the direction of new coaches Bob Polk and John Bennett, traveled to Cohn and lost a well played game, 52-44. The team got off to a slow start and picked up as the game progressed, but was never able to fill the gap. High scorer for both teams was senior guard Frank Bass with twenty points. Starting forward Hunter Husband with nine points was the only M.B.A. player close to Bass. Other players for M.B.A. to break the scoring column were forward Joel Parrish with 2, centers Phil Husband and Steve Trautman with 3 and 2 respectively, and guards Lee Noel with 1 and Pat Woods with 3.

### M.B.A. vs. Ryan

On the Friday after the Cohn game, M.B.A. played its first home basketball game against Ryan. M.B.A. was charged with many fouls and lost 58 to 38 as Ryan was hot from the foul line. The Big Red trailed the whole game despite a well played game. Forward Rhea Sumter and guard Hunter Husband led the offense with eleven points each. Other Big Red players to score were Lee Noel (8), Phil Husband (1), Norman Carl (2), Frank Bass (3), and Steve Trautman (2).

### M.B.A. vs. B.G.A.

On Friday, December 13, the Big Red of M.B.A. were defeated by a powerful B.G.A. team. M.B.A. carried the game into overtime, but Kirk Kirkpatrick's three point play at the beginning of the overtime practically cinched the game for Battle Ground. Kirkpatrick led B.G.A. with 18 points, while Frank Bass was high for M.B.A. with 16. Hunter Husband also played well for the Big Red.

## Jr. Varsity

### M.B.A. vs. Cohn

On December 3, the M.B.A. Junior Varsity, under the able leadership of substitute coach Bennett, buried the Black Knights of Cohn 51-31. After starting slowly, the Big Red finished with a blistering attack which saw ten men contribute to the scoring. This balanced shooting was led by David Hyatt with 10 points, followed closely by Jim Burge and Tom DeMoss with 8 apiece.

### M.B.A. vs. Ryan

On December 6, the M.B.A. Junior Varsity was defeated by a giant Ryan team 53-26. Although the Big Red's tallest man was smaller than the entire front line, the J.V. team held in the first half. However, due to the fact that David Hyatt fouled out in the first half, the Ryan team literally blew the Big Red off the court in the last two periods. M.B.A. was led by Tommy DeMoss with 7 points.

## Soccer

Soccer is the newest sport at M.B.A. The game was commissioned by Mr. Carter to round out our winter sport program. Don Hunt of Peabody College has been called upon to coach this year's team. He played soccer at his high school in New England and also at a college he attended.

M.B.A.'s soccer team consists of 35 players, most of whom are sophomores and juniors. A soccer team consists of eleven players, a goalie, two fullbacks, three halfbacks, two wings, two insides, and a center forward. The goalie's job is to guard the goal, to keep out any attempts of scoring by the opposition. The two fullbacks are defensive men; their main purpose is to protect the goal also. The halfbacks are the runners of the team. They shuffle back and forth playing both offense and defense. The wings, insides, and center forward compose the offensive punch of the team. Their position is around the midfield stripe and deep in the territory of the opposition trying to score.

Coach Hunt plans to divide the team into four intramural clubs who will play each other in a round-robin tournament. From these four teams, he will choose boys who will make up a varsity squad. Some likely opponents are Baylor and McCallie of Chattanooga and also C.M.A. and Castle Heights.

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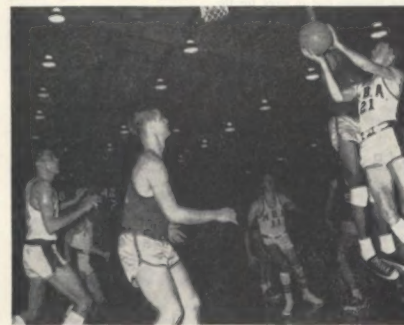
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Above—Noel jumps for two.



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Battle rages under net while Husband comes up to help.

## Freshman Basketball

### M.B.A. vs. Ryan

The Freshman basketball hopefuls started basketball practice one week before Thanksgiving. About sixty boys went out so Coach Gentry had plenty of material to choose from.

On December 3 the Little Red Frosh tangled with the visiting freshmen from Father Ryan. The game was a see-saw battle all the way with M.B.A. winning 28-25. Standouts of game for M.B.A. were Charlie Kantor and Elliot Jones (who is also playing J.V. basketball).

We are all proud, especially Coach Gentry, for this fine showing put on by the Frosh in their first game. Keep up the good work, gang.

### M.B.A. vs. West

This hard fought game was not decided until the last three seconds. Elliot Jones was M.B.A.'s high point man, netting 12 points and collecting many rebounds. Bill Blair also took many off the boards. The zone defense used by M.B.A. forced West to shoot from the outside, and enabled the little Red to match a close one from the Baby Blue Jays.

### M.B.A. vs. B.G.A.

M.B.A. did not have a sizable lead until the third quarter when the Little Red pulled out in front by 14 points. Charlie Kantor was the big gun with 15, while Elliot Jones threw in 11. The zone defense was again effectively employed in crushing the kittens.

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# COMMENTS

## Assembly Speakers

On November 5, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, addressed the chapel. Gene Shanks introduced him and told us that Dr. Paschall studied at Union University, where he received his B.A. and Doctor of Divinity degree, and at Southern University, where he received his Doctor of Theology degree. Dr. Paschall, a colorful and excellent speaker, started his speech with a reference to baseball and the World Series. He commended baseball to us and told us some stories about it, one of which shows us that baseball is a biblical game because of the passage in Genesis 1: 1, "In the 'big inning.'" He told us that in the game of life, first base is the religious, concerned with the love of God, a very important part of life. Dr. Paschall said that second base was the physical, and he urged us not to abuse our bodies. Third base was the mental; he told us that in today's world, one must be bright, and that we must prepare our minds at M.B.A. Home plate was the social aspect of life, the act of getting along with the people around us. He told us that each of these is important in our daily living, but by an adept illustration, showed us the religious aspect was the most important. His illustration was that, in an important game, the batter, with a full count and the bases loaded, hit a ball that cleared the fence. He raced around the bases and as he touched home the umpire called him out. It happened that although he touched the rest of the bases, he missed first base. So it is with us, if one is good mentally, physically, and socially, yet lacks the religious standards, the Great Umpire will call him out. He ended by urging us to strive for "first base" first.

On November 13, Charles Potter, a University of Pennsylvania and M.B.A. alumnus, introduced Dr. Douglas Dixon, director of admissions at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Potter told us briefly about Dr. Dixon and about the expansion of the campus of this great university in the last several years. The school he quipped and forty-five new buildings have been erected. Dr. Dixon spoke to us about big universities in general and spoke about what these institutions expected from and offered to their students. He said that one's experience in any college or university depends on the faculty and the students. The institutions may have the equipment, but they also must have a superior faculty and student body to use it. Dr. Dixon reminded us that the time for enrollment in or application to colleges was creeping up for seniors, juniors, and sophomores. He then defined several points a student should look for in a school to which he applies. One of the main points was what kind of program the college offers. Dr. Dixon asked us to find the field of specific interest and select colleges noted in the line of work. He pointed out to us that since many students change their minds, one should choose a college fairly varied in its curriculum. He told us we must discriminate between a large, medium, or small university. We must select a men's or coed college, in an urban or rural district. He said that the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia receives the benefit of being in a metropolitan area, but also gets the detriment of being in such an atmosphere. We must also consider such factors as cost, admission requirements, and location in a specific area of the country. He then urged all the students to go away from home to college so that they could learn not only from the classes but also from the environment of their study. Dr. Dixon then outlined the process of admission for an average college or university. First, of course, is the application, which should be made early. Before this, however, the college entrance exams should be taken. The most important single factor in being accepted to a college or university is one's performance in high school. Grades, athletics, and teachers recommendations bear the greatest weight. Along this line he mentioned that one should, if possible, take accelerated courses. Another important factor is one's program in high school; challenging courses in high school are a great step toward college admission. He ended with the concise, noteworthy statement of—do the best that you can in the best courses you can take.

On November 20 John Stiffer, ace M.B.A. student, introduced the Reverend Sidney Ellis, associate rector of Saint George's Episcopal Church. From his place of birth in England, Reverend Ellis went to Natchez, Mississippi, in 1954 and then to Nashville in 1962. He started his talk by reading a passage about wisdom from Proverbs. He then spoke about accents in England, Mississippi, and other places. Next he sang an amusing song about a very thin baby to illustrate the cockney accent in England. He then alluded to the days after the first Sputnik launch, when people all over the United States criticized American schools and their lack of science. He said that the American schools, however, did fulfill their purpose of education, perhaps to make money with acquired knowledge, or to outshine Russia, or to find out about and make the most of God's world. Reverend Ellis next gave contrasts between the English schools he attended and the American schools today. The English have day schools which teach ages 5-14 and boarding schools ages 15-18. The classes meet two or three times a week. The subjects are many and diverse; chemistry, physics, art, choir, gym, general science, English, French, English History, and mathematics. These subjects are taught two or three times a week for eleven years. Reverend Ellis showed us that when he was in school, England was the leader of the Free World. Assuming this responsibility, many of his classmates went out into the world and became "world citizens." Then he urged us, the present leaders of the Free World, to become world citizens and therefore keep the power of America strong. He asked us to do this not only for the Americans and the educated free world but to try to educate the now illiterate and enslaved masses of the world. And so, Reverend Ellis concluded, that through education we must go out into the world to fulfill its real purpose: to serve God.

## Barry, Phi Beta at Rice

Richard Harwood Barry, Valedictorian of the class of 1960, has been named to the Phi Beta Kappa at Rice University where he is a senior. Dick, a mathematics major, plans to enter medical school next year.

He was one of only eight students at Rice elected to the honorary scholastic fraternity. All others are Texans. They were initiated into the society on December 5.

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## "Why Am I Here?"

By Rodney Downey

"Self-awareness . . . has made man into an anomaly, into the freak of the universe. He is part of nature, subject to her physical laws and unable to change them, yet he transcends the rest of nature." —Erich Fromme *Man for Himself*.

Within the above quotation is the root of what is often called the human condition; the quotation does not, however, define the human condition, which is what I intend to do. To discover this definition, I must also define the human being and outline his one basic conflict, which manifests itself in man's eternal question, "Why am I here?"

Physically man is an animal—he eats, he breathes, he reproduces. However, he has one trait—only one—that expels him from the harmonious animal world; he is aware of his existence. Of course, it is often said he is different in that he can reason, grasp with his thumb and hand, walk erect; but even a monkey can do these things. Be that as it may, man is the only animal that can be bored, that can be discontented, that can envision his own end, that can wonder at his own purpose of living, that can feel his powerlessness, and that can realize his own ostracism from the animal realm. Like Adam and Eve, he has tasted of the tree of knowledge and has been expelled from Eden.

Were man merely a disembodied intellect, he would be an almost omniscient, totally rational spirit, situated within a frame of being different from the physical one of the animal kingdom. However, this is not true. He is forever chained to the world that expels him. This imprisonment of man is the dichotomy of his existence; he is a living paradox.

Realizing his freakishness, man has established for himself civilization, a world where he is more materially secure, but civilization is not a suitable solution to man's quest for security within the universe. He is driven to become the disembodied intellect he can never be, to become the master of nature and himself. At the same time, he, still realizing himself as an animal, seeks to be at one with nature and his fellow man. This paradoxical quest is the human condition.

The human condition will exist as long as man himself, for it is insoluble—man seeks to be both total animal and total intellect. He reaches back for a world he has left forever, and he reaches up for stars he cannot touch. In his search he becomes Odysseus, Oedipus, Abraham, Faust—the eternal wanderer, forever asking the philosophical question, "Why am I here?" His writings ceaselessly express his quest: Kino, a character in *The Pearl* by Steinbeck, lowers himself closer to the total animal by seeking to elevate himself closer to the total intellect through force; Jonah of the Bible in attempting to escape from the total intellect, God, is imprisoned within the total animal, the big fish; Thoreau's Walden advises man not to alienate himself from nature but to acknowledge himself as a part of it. Regardless how moving, these are merely discussions of man's quest, for he remains perplexed. "He is [still] . . . tormented by a craving for 'absoluteness,' for another kind of harmony which can lift the curse by which he was separated from nature, from his fellow man, and from himself." Man has never yet found this harmony. It seems as if his only purpose for living is to attempt to discover that harmony, regardless how futile the search.

## A Soldier of Democracy

The tragic death of John F. Kennedy has shocked us all. An assassin in an act of incredible hatred and violence has destroyed in a single instant the love of millions throughout the world for a great man. President John F. Kennedy, a man of great ideas, great enthusiasm, and great devotion to duty, sought opportunity and peace for all men regardless of race or religious creed. The liberty and principles for which he fought and even died cannot die with him, but shall live forever in the hearts and minds of men. His courage in the face of danger and steadfast adherence to principle serve as a beacon to the friends of freedom throughout the world.

The assassin killed a man, but the ideals for which that man stood cannot be killed or destroyed. Instead, these ideals will live forever as a monument to freedom and the rights of man. We can be glad that in a democracy love, justice, and honor, not the bullets of an assassin, guide the course of the future.

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## Forensic Tournament

On the evening of November 22, The Montgomery Bell Academy Forensic Club sponsored a forensic tournament on The Hill. Ten schools attended the affair which consisted of two rounds of debate, and a preliminary and final round in both declamation and extemp.

Mike Mooney welcomed the group, and then introduced John Stiffer, general chairman for the evening. Members of the faculty were very instrumental in the success of this tournament. Mrs. Campbell did an excellent job as general coordinator. Mr. Poston served as debate chairman, while Mr. Edmonds and Miss Richardson handled extemp and declamation.

The affirmative debate award was shared by Maplewood and East while Madison was the best negative team. Maplewood took home top honors in declamation and Litten won the extemporaneous speaking. This major undertaking was felt to be a success by all.

## Forensic Club Banquet

The annual Forensic Club Banquet was held the evening of December 4, at the Belle Meade Buffet. Mr. Charles Galbreath, local attorney and councilman, spoke to the group and then led a discussion on the subject of capital punishment. The banquet provided an interesting evening for all.

## Howell Honored At Davidson

Joe Howell, '60, was elected Y.M.C.A. President at Davidson College last spring. Joe is also serving as President of ODK, a national leadership organization. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges*. The Bell Ringer wishes to extend its congratulations to Joe.

## Pruher Wins Honors At Annapolis

Wilson Prueher, '60, has been named Second Regimental Commander at the United States Naval Academy. In addition to this great honor, he has been selected captain of the 150 pound crew and has consistently made the Superintendent's List. Congratulations to Wilson for a job well done at Annapolis!

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# Personalities



The Bell Ringer expresses both honor and pride in announcing Fredric Billings as a Personality of the Month. Beyond question, his is a record truly worthy of notice.

Fredric came to M.B.A. from Woodmont in the seventh grade. He was elected as Secretary-Treasurer of his seventh grade class and showed his athletic abilities in Microbe football, basketball and softball. He exhibited academic excellence by his admission to the Junior Honor Society. Fred was elected Treasurer of the Freshman Class and Honor Council Representative from his Junior Class. As a senior this year, Fredric serves as the President of the Honor Council.

Fredric has been a great asset to M.B.A. athletics, lettering in varsity track, varsity football, and wrestling. Last year, Fredric was voted the outstanding member of the varsity track team.

Fredric now serves as the President of the Hi-Y and Treasurer of the Service Club. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and President of its Senior High Fellowship. Fred is a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and serves there as a Sergeant-at-Arms.

In addition to these honors and accomplishments, Fredric has won the friendship of all the students of M.B.A. In this way, the Bell Ringer wishes to acknowledge a truly outstanding young man, Fredric Billings.

Rick Evans



The Bell Ringer is proud to announce that Miss Jeanette Noel has been named Personality of the Month. Jeanette's amiable personality and generosity to M.B.A. make her worthy of the honor.

Jeanette, presently a junior, came to Harpeth Hall from Woodmont School where for two years she had been on the girl's basketball team. She is a cheerleader for the Ecovasin Club of her school. Jeanette's extracurricular interests include many sports; however, she especially enjoys swimming and horseback riding. She has been a counselor at Park-View Day Camp for two years and was also a counselor at her church's day camp. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church and an active member of the S.A.P. Club. She has served as a spaghetti supper waitress and at present is an M.B.A. cheerleader.

It is indeed a privilege to honor Miss Jeanette Noel—a most gracious young lady.

Gordon Smith



The Bell Ringer staff is proud to announce the selection of Mr. Frank Novak as Personality of the Month.

Mr. Novak was born in Providence, Rhode Island and attended high school in New York City. He went to college here in Nashville at Peabody and Vanderbilt, majoring in social studies and minoring in secondary school education. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Before he went to college, Mr. Novak spent four years in the Army Air Force, eighteen months of which he was stationed in England. After he graduated from college, he taught at Hillsboro High School in Williamson county for a year and was principal of Trinity School there for another year.

Mr. Novak has been teaching at M. B. A. since 1953. He now teaches seventh grade mathematics and history. His other duties here include coaching Microbe baseball, seventh grade basketball, and the "Junior Commandos" general athletics section.

Mr. Novak is married and has three children: Hue, age 4; Katy, age 8; and Frank, who is a freshman at M. B. A.

In his spare time, Mr. Novak enjoys reading, fishing, and watching sports. He is a deacon at the Hillsboro Church of Christ.

Mr. Novak's friendliness makes him well-liked by everyone at M. B. A. His teaching abilities fully exemplify the high faculty standards here, and he is indeed a great asset to the school in all respects. It is with great pride and admiration that we salute Mr. Novak in this issue.

Joe Strayhorn



Vernon T. Morehead, better known to everyone at M.B.A. as Tupper, has been chosen as one of our personalities this month. Since coming to M.B.A. from Farmer in the eighth grade, Tupper has been an active member of the student body in all areas. In sports Tupper has participated in freshman football and in his sophomore year graduated to varsity football. He has also wrestled on the varsity squad since his sophomore year.

Tupper was on the Honor Council his freshman year and is a representative again this year. He was secretary of both his sophomore and junior classes. Tupper has also participated in many of the school's organizations since his sophomore year. Tupper has been a member of the Hi-Y and Forensic Clubs and a member of the business staff of the Bell. He has also joined the newly formed Drama Club and in his junior year was elected to the Service Club. He also received membership in the National Honor Society.

Outside of M.B.A., Tupper is as active as on campus. He is the president of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and of the Acolyte's Guild at St. George's Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Episcopal Young Churchmen. In recognition of his service to the school, it is with great pride that we salute Tupper Morehead as personality of the month.

Hank Davis



The Bell Ringer staff of 1963 is pleased to announce Mrs. Ned Lentz as Teacher of the Month.

Mrs. Lentz, who graduated from Vanderbilt with B.A. and M.A. degrees, was a very prominent student on the Vanderbilt campus. She was active in many campus organizations and served as president of her sorority. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa her junior year and was awarded the Founder's Medal, which is the highest scholastic honor a student can receive, and was also chosen Lady of the Bracelet, which is the highest honor a senior co-ed can receive.

Since her graduation Mrs. Lentz has been very active in civic organizations. She has participated in Girl Scouts, Fannie Battle Day Home, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, of which she has served as chairman of the Home Nursing Committee. She has been Chairman of Women's division of the United Givers Fund and first president of the Nashville Bar Auxiliary.

With all these activities, Mrs. Lentz still has found time to teach first year Latin at M.B.A. for the past five years. She says she enjoys teaching at M.B.A. because she is very much interested in young people.

Mrs. Lentz's husband is Chancellor Ned Lentz, Judge of the First Chancery Court. She has three children: John, a senior at Vanderbilt; Eleanor, a sophomore at Vanderbilt; and Allen, a senior at M.B.A.

Due to these many fine attributes and her very kind personality the Bell Ringer is proud to salute Mrs. Ned Lentz, Teacher of the Month.

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